

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, May 6, 2008, with all members present.

Discussion was held on a quote for the removal of trees from the Courthouse lawn, as presented by Randy Grueneich, County Agent.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to hire Tim's Tree Service for the removal of the Courthouse lawn trees. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the salary and grade increases approved earlier for Clerk of Court employees, and a letter from District Court stating that the increase would not be covered by the State until August 1, 2009.

Wanda Auka, Clerk of Court, met with the Commission to discuss the letter from the State District Court.

Betty Koslofsky, Tax Director, and Arlene and Niles Burchill met with the Commission concerning an abatement request on PCL: 11-2620200, Ellsburly Township, for their 2007 taxes. The Township had denied the abatement.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to deny the request as recommended by the township. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," except Commissioner Weber, who voted "no," motion carried.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to approve the minutes of April 15 as presented. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to approve site authorization for the Knights of Columbus Council 1883 to conduct gaming at the Peanut Bar and City Lights. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to approve site authorization for VFW Post 2764 to conduct gaming at Kelly's Crossing. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Jennifer Feist and Wade Bruns of the VC/BC Development Corporation requested grant funding for the following projects: Prairie Haven Campground, Eckelson, \$15,000; Sibley Campground and C-Store, \$10,000; Kathryn Community Center, \$7500; and BSG, Inc. Wimbledon, and for a 5-year, no-interest loan of \$13,500 for BSG, Inc., Wimbledon.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to approve the \$15,000 grant to the Prairie Haven Campground, Eckelson. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Diane Hatcher was present to discuss the Sibley Campground and C-Store grant.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Weber, to approve the \$10,000 grant to the Sibley Campground and C-Store, for campground improvements. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to approve the \$13,600 loan (5 years, 0 percent interest to BSG (Barnes, Stutsman, Griggs) Inc., Wimbledon, to add a restaurant to the grocery store. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to approve the \$7500 grant to the Kathryn Community Center to renovate the former bank building, owned by the City, to be used as

a community center. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," except Commissioner Triebold, who voted "no," motion carried.

Brad Cruff, States Attorney, met with the Commission to discuss the Communities Against Senior Exploitation program.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Weber, to allow Mr. Cruff to solicit corporate sponsors for funding educational materials for the Communities Against Senior Exploitation program. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to put into place a county-wide burning ban, but to provide the fire chiefs from each department the authority to remove or ban burning for their district, except when the wind is blowing 20 mph or more, in which case the burning ban will be effective throughout the County. Individuals must contact their local fire chief before burning. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Kim Franklin, Emergency Manager, requested a \$500 donation for the Safe Communities program to sponsor an appreciation breakfast for the county's first responders.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to allow a \$250 donation toward the Safe Communities appreciation breakfast for first responders. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, and Mark Anderson of KLJ were present for bid-letting for Project CP-2008, road correction on County Highway 21 South (Kathryn Road). A bid of \$297,425.20 from Strata Corporation was opened.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to table the bid letting until the next meeting, to further evaluate the project and its cost. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Mr. Johnson updated the Commission on his progress on haul road agreements in connection with the pipeline and wind tower projects.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to amend the previous motion awarding the Courthouse lawn tree removal project to Tim's Tree Service for \$1950, to instead award the project to Ross' Tree Service, for \$1175. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Julie Nelson and Kerry Johnson, representing the Barnes County Policy Committee, met with the Commission to present recommended revisions to the employee policy manual.

The Commission tabled the matter pending further evaluation of the revisions.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Weber, to approve and sign the prisoner boarding agreement with Cass County, at a cost of \$85 per day per prisoner. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Weber, to reverse the grade levels of Clerk of Court employees back to the 2008 levels. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

The following bills were approved for the month of April: **General Fund:** AP Equipment \$67.50, Ace Hardware \$70.69, Appliance City \$43.98, Barnes Co Highway Dept \$2,342.99, Berntson, Rodger \$164.70, Best of Times Printing \$435.00, Doublewood Inn \$226.25, Bitz Tire & Service \$359.54, Brothers III \$1.40, Bullberry Systems \$450.00, CH Carpenter \$22.47, Carpet Connection \$132.45, Cass County Electric \$82.47, Central Business Systems \$265.78, Cochran, Kerstin \$55.80, Cole Papers \$427.18, Cruff, Bradley \$67.45, Dakota Plains \$70.75, Dolphin Capital Corp \$197.33, Franklin, Kimberly \$61.20, G&K Services \$290.10, Goven, Thomas \$240.00, Great Plains Directory \$386.40, High Plains Water Treatment \$69.00, ITD \$300.00, Kari's Cleaning \$63.70,

Koch-Scherr, Jodie \$393.00, Koslofsky, Betty \$144.45, Kratz Hardware \$90.90, Litchville Bulletin \$84.53, Matthew Bender & Co \$201.65, Mercy Hospital \$96.00, Mid-American Research Chemical \$377.00, Midwest Pest Control \$105.00, MDU \$2,943.45, Mueller, Jennifer \$30.60, Myhre Law Office \$2,543.15, ND Association of Counties \$114.00, ND County Recorders Association \$47.30, ND State Radio Communications \$750.00, ND Surplus Property \$30.00, Opdahl, Harlan \$287.10, Overn Electric \$575.27, POST Board \$45.00, Pamida \$117.91, Perkins \$138.92, Postmaster \$42.00, Qwest \$1,877.97, Reserve Account \$3,000.00, S&S Auto Electric \$78.22, Schwehr, Cindy \$102.60, Servicemaster \$1,961.25, Sheyenne Printers \$22.65, Stein's \$109.78, Stop N Go \$8.99, Streicher's \$1,070.91, TDS Metrocom \$306.20, Thrifty White \$12.99, VC Public Works \$864.00, VC Times-Record \$1,277.99, Valley Officeworks \$803.53, Valley Paint & Glass \$56.88, Valley Service \$32.80, Verizon \$178.18, White Banner Uniform Co \$33.00; **City County Health:** Allard Trophy \$5.00, Appliance City \$499.99, Bitz Tire & Service \$136.95, Cardmember Service \$258.35, Central Medical \$33.58, Central Valley Health District \$1,247.00, Clia Laboratory Program \$150.00, Dakota Carrier Network \$547.52, Dakota Central \$49.95, Dakota Plains \$126.72, Dex Media East \$24.00, Egan, Debbie \$25.20, Fornes, Lana \$252.00, Glaxosmithkline Pharm \$495.70, Hoar, Julie \$46.76, Jeffrey Crooks \$27.00, Kratz Hardware \$20.98, Langland, Tamara \$90.90, Leever's \$10.84, Melissa Ulmer \$13.50, Mercy Hospital \$2,740.16, Meritcare \$45.00, Michael, James \$330.90, Moore Medical \$624.80, Newman Outdoor Advertising \$638.00, Pamida \$145.82, Pesek, Gloria \$48.15, Qwest \$143.80, Radisson 110.00, Rosenau, Vicki \$217.49, Sanofi Pasteur \$1,561.72, Sansio \$600.00, School Health Alert \$44.00, Sheyenne Printers \$135.23, Skalicky, Kasey \$208.31, TDS Metrocom \$119.62, Thomsen, Paula \$108.10, TWL Billing Services & Supplies \$87.92, VC School District \$470.00, VCSU \$48.00, VC Times-Record \$92.00, Valley Officeworks \$40.27, Viland, Beth \$134.67, Wick Investments \$300.00, Will, Theresa \$177.24, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals \$768.86; **Veterans Service Office:** Barnes Co Highway Dept \$189.19, Meritcare \$45.00, ND Association of Counties \$40.54, TDS Metrocom \$18.48; **Social Services:** Alltel \$110.58, Doublewood Inn \$55.00, Brian's Service & Repair \$164.00, Burchill, Valraye \$32.50, Cardmember Service \$955.37, Central Business Systems \$5,374.38, Compson, Becky \$128.25, Dacotah Foundation/Spring Showcase \$90.00, Days Inn \$55.00, Esch, Tennille \$752.30, Huss, Candice \$16.65, ITD \$7.20, Lakes & Prairies Community Action \$78.00, ND Dept of Human Services \$10,229.83, ND Family Based Services Association \$130.00, Oakes Times \$7.00, Officeland \$109.28, Oye, Sheila \$374.53, Pershing \$284.86, Qwest \$8.04, Rajewsky, Leah \$469.35, Ramada \$110.00, Schlager, Kevin \$125.00, TDS Metrocom \$181.48, Valley Officeworks \$405.65; **County Road & Bridge:** AP Equipment \$9.10, Ace Hardware \$237.22, Doublewood Inn \$55.00, Ramkota \$210.00, Bitz Tire & Service \$15.00, Butler Machinery \$200.83, CH Carpenter Lumber \$147.07, Carpet Connection \$548.75, Carquest Auto Parts \$248.09, Dakota Plains \$4,282.36, Dakota Rose Floral \$28.89, Dickey Rural Telephone \$64.16, Eckelson Township \$5.59, Enterprise Sales \$47.20, Hoff & Jan's Upholstery \$125.00, Inter-Community Telephone \$69.65, Johnson, Kerry \$7.50, Johnston Fargo Culvert \$473.97, Kari's Cleaning \$269.40, Kratz Hardware \$54.52, Laker Chemical \$76.70, Little Falls Machine \$1,942.84, Meritcare \$30.00, Miller Motors \$6.40, MDU \$490.84, ND Ltap \$50.00, ND Safety Council \$85.00, Praxair Distribution \$190.50, RJs Plumbing & Heating \$85.00, S&S Auto Electric \$402.38, Smith Lumber \$82.60, Swanston Equipment \$730.02, Sweeney Brothers of Fargo \$369.51, Tangen, Tim \$202.20, TDS Metrocom \$14.06, Valley Auto Parts \$926.47, VC Public Works \$3,025.78, VC Times-Record \$143.36, Valley Lumber \$7.60, Valley Radiator & Repair \$65.00, Verizon \$69.05, Vining Oil & Gas \$24,512.42, Wagner, Tina \$7.50, Zep Mfg \$100.37, 3D Specialties \$183.51; **County Park:** Cass County Electric \$145.90, Dakota Plains \$1,148.42, ND Dept Of Health \$11.00; **Weed Control:** Bayshore City Side \$369.39, Carpet Connection \$132.45, Enterprise Sales \$705.75, FEI \$99.66, Kari's Cleaning \$63.70, McAllister, James \$278.48, Postmaster \$40.00, Valley Extinguisher \$32.50, Valley Officeworks \$10.59, Van Dyke, Lynn \$324.00; **Oasis & Social Security:** Cardmember Service \$1,701.26, CPU \$1,626.41, ITD \$974.40, TDS Metrocom \$.91, Valley Officeworks \$896.73, Zones Corporate Solutions \$614.14; **County Agent:** Bjelland, Ellen \$283.63, Central Business Systems \$119.22, Pamida \$5.39, TDS Metrocom \$49.91, Valley Officeworks \$82.35; **Farm To Market 15 Mill:** Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson \$3,536.72, Lyle Signs \$5,424.00, Marohl, Michael & Susan \$300.00; **Disaster:** Cuba Township \$4,201.00; **Correctional Center:** Bob Barker Co \$116.04, Cable Services \$31.96, Cass Clay Creamery \$311.00, Central Business Systems \$33.11, Fingerprint Equipment Labs \$52.54, Food Services of America \$1,841.59, High Plains Water Treatment \$36.00, Kratz Hardware \$6.19, Leever's \$59.79, Marketplace \$200.38, Meritcare \$382.00, MDU \$932.71, Night Owl Security \$400.00, Orthman, Elizabeth \$248.40, Redwood Toxicology Laboratory \$15.50, Rivera Medical Co \$451.50, TDS Metrocom \$16.84, Thrifty White \$704.00, VC Public Works \$485.25, Valley Officeworks \$20.25, Wolff, Jeremy \$124.20; 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**Bridge:** Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson \$20,951.43; **County Agent Revolving:** Crane, Matthew \$40.00, Fletcher, Amy \$199.50, Leever's \$56.46, Seidlinger, Kim \$10.80, TDS Metrocom \$12.61, Tichy, Amy \$1,482.43; **Community Service:** Appliance City \$131.38, Valley Officeworks \$14.98, Verizon \$77.83; **Homeland Security:** Streicher's \$9,635.94, Valley Meat \$16.31; **Corrections Commissary:** Leever's \$141.48, Pamida \$101.46, Pizza Corner \$130.00, Valley Officeworks \$1.78, Wholesale Supply \$411.30; **Soil Conservation:** Barnes Co Soil Conserv Dist. \$1,101.04; **Garrison Conservancy Dist:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist \$1,101.33; **Airport:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport \$2,445.70; **Paid Under Protest:** Barnes Co Treasurer \$8,999.12; **911 Emergency Fund:** Dakota Central \$29.00, Dickey Rural Telephone \$239.00, Inter-Community Telephone \$150.00, Qwest \$953.70; **State Funds:** ND State Treasurer \$14,064.04; **Winter Show:** ND Winter Show \$2,684.38; **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services \$1,790.99; **Ambulance:** Barnes Co Ambulance \$1,212.73; **Water Resources:** Carpet Connection \$132.45, Hurley, Pat \$39.22, Kari's Cleaning \$63.70, Opegard, Wolf & Quinton \$222.00; **Historical Society:** Barnes Co Historical Society \$274.00; **Library:** VC Public Library \$1,815.50; **Recorders Preservation Fund:** Cass Co Treasurer \$1,507.50; **Cities:** Dazey \$158.57, Fingal \$18.85, Leal \$3.38, Litchville \$32.32, Nome \$23.56, Oriska \$225.87, Rogers \$8.00, Sanborn \$3,139.43, Sibley \$215.50, Tower City \$39.63, Valley City \$89,950.24, Wimbleton \$338.33; **Townships:** Alta \$4,424.13, Anderson \$364.41, Ashtabula \$215.04, Baldwin \$146.68, Binghamton \$119.86, Brimer \$235.87, Cuba \$588.64, Dazey \$219.80, Eckelson \$1,179.69, Edna \$170.83, Ellsbury \$330.80, Getchell \$615.25, Grand \$213.59, Green \$374.30, Greenland \$113.74, Hemen \$166.71, Hobart \$1,519.93, Laketown \$65.46, Mansfield \$1,595.52, Marsh \$319.45, Meadow Lake \$6.60, Minnie Lake \$212.99, Nelson \$26.05, Noltimier \$677.96, Oakhill \$74.24, Oriska \$614.47, Pierce \$212.12, Potter \$313.61, Raritan \$1,774.17, Rogers \$67.95, Rosebud \$239.57, Sibley \$286.59, Skandia \$42.56, Spring \$12.69, Springvale \$281.27, Stewart \$257.71, Svea \$57.24, Thordenskjold \$125.51, Uxbridge \$361.33, Valley \$1,551.12, Weimer \$308.37; **Park Districts:** Fingal \$1.48, Litchville \$4.32, Nome \$2.11, Sanborn \$128.15, Valley City \$11,731.85; **School Districts:** Barnes County North \$29,629.57, Enderlin \$23,978.71, Griggs County \$406.64, Hope \$1,820.29, Litchville-Marion \$12,549.75, Maple Valley \$38,158.78, Montpelier \$133.31, Page \$1,528.22, Valley City \$122,725.76; **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey \$184.64, Edna \$54.32, Enderlin \$751.96, Fingal \$45.47, Hope \$135.23, Kathryn \$34.51, Nome \$23.96, Page \$40.36, Sanborn \$1,785.38, Tower City \$105.85, Wimbleton \$174.67; **Interest Fund:** Barnes Co Treasurer \$21,248.10; **Payroll Fund:** Job Service ND \$2,710.60, State Tax Commissioner \$10,838.10.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Weber, to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Edward R. McGough  
Barnes County Auditor

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Cindy Schwehr, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission